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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed September 29, 2010, in the above-identified patent application having a shortened period for response set to expire on December 29, 2010, which period is extended by one month to expire on January 29, 2011 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following Response. Please charge fee for the Petition, and any other fees due in connection with this response, to deposit account 07-0832. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Response is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Applicants submit a replacement drawing sheet 3/4 which includes the amended FIG. 3.

The replacement drawing corrects an obvious error, in particular, the phrase in block 350 "IS

$PMAD_i < T_5$?" has been changed to "IS $PMAD_i > T_5$?"